

## ARREST 3 ANGELS BLACKMAILERS

LOWDEN IS  
SPEAKER AT  
GALESBURG

Knox Men Hear Ex-Governor Play Bureaucrats in Washington.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 15.—"The self-respecting representative of government will seek to lead his constituents to correct conclusions upon questions of government policy, and will not be content to be a mere automatic register of hastily formed popular will," said former Governor Frank O. Lowden, in speaking at the Eighty-five Knox College Founders Day celebration here today.

"Representative government," he continued, "is found wanting by some as in some mysterious way encroaching on the rights of the people. Just the opposite is true. The citizen were not permitted to employ a lawyer or a physician, would he not complain of the loss of his rights? So, if he be not permitted to govern through a representative of his own choosing, but must govern himself directly, is he not equally suffering a diminution of liberty of action?"

**Encroach on States.**

"The federal principle of government has never been employed on so large a scale before. It was the question of federal or state government that was the cause of the Civil war. The federal principle won and it has survived the test of armed rebellion. It is constantly confronted, however, with dangers of a more insidious kind. The federal government tends to encroach more and more upon the prerogatives of the state. Bureaucracy at Washington is always alert to extend its power. It does not distinguish between those functions which pertain to the federal government and those under our scheme of government belong exclusively to the state. Hitherto it has been the states jealous of their rights and capable of resisting this tendency. So the bureaucrats now seek to gain by bribes what they failed to gain by other means. During the great war, the federal government, in order to give unity to our efforts, undertook to do many things which the states had formerly done. It intruded into the administration of almost every field of state activity, such as education, employment, and public health.

**Bureaucratic Bribery.**

"This resulted in a measure in the demoralization of state administrative agencies and therefore a lowering of the vitality of the state. The bureaucrats are now loath to give unity to our efforts, and seek to win the wounded pride of the states by offers of large federal appropriations. Propaganda is being carried on day by day under the guise of liberal contributions to the state, which will result in taking millions of dollars from the state which must remain in care of the state if the state is to remain an entity in our national system. The rapid movement toward centralization at Washington must be checked or the value of the federal principle will be dissipated forever."

Referring to the "bill of rights" (Continued on Page Thirteen.)

U. S. MINISTER  
TO CUBA QUILTS

Washington, Feb. 15.—Boaz W. Long, American minister to Cuba since 1919, has tendered his resignation to President Harding, to take effect at once.

MISSOURI STATE  
PEN CAN'T HOLD  
ANY MORE WOMEN

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—Warden Sam Hill of the state penitentiary, today sent a telegram to Attorney General Daugherty, stating that there is no longer room in the female department of the penitentiary for women convicted by the federal courts. Fifty-seven of the 100 women were sentenced in various federal courts, some as far away as Alaska.

Nine years ago the Missouri penitentiary was selected by federal authorities as the most suitable place for the confinement of women convicted of felonies in the federal courts. This brought many women anarchists from New York and recently the number of women convicted of the Harrison anti-racket act has increased so greatly that the capacity of the prison has been reached, the warden said.

The Argus'  
Business  
Review

(By Consolidated Press.)

Telegraphic dispatches from nation's important centers giving Business News and Reviews of Interest and Importance to Producer and Consumer.

## PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15.—The labor troubles in the textile mills in New England have produced no effect as yet so far as to cotton mills, but if the reduced wage scale is established in New England, local plants will be placed at a disadvantage in meeting competition. The manufacturers and operatives are watching the New England situation closely.

Good inquiry is shown in this market for wool of all grades and prices continue firm. Curtailment of work at the shipyards on the Delaware river and at the Philadelphia navy yard has resulted in many workers being thrown out of employment. The shipyards are making strong effort to have the government refrain from competing with private yards for repair work. Such work, the shipyard men say, is necessary in order that they may maintain their organizations intact while orders for new construction lag.

The business in anthracite coal is showing a somewhat more active trend and wider distribution. Cigar manufacturers of established brands report a good demand but poor collections. Coat, suit and shirt manufacturers have a good volume of business on hand.

## NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 15.—The advance in the prices of farm products in the last ten days has gone far toward dispelling the pessimism which was checking commerce in this section. The trend of markets is accepted as marking a turn for the better in agricultural communities.

The change is not reflected in increased orders for merchandise, but there is improvement in collections. This trend has been aided by the clearance sales being held by merchants throughout this district. They are turning their stocks in a way that is proving a surprise.

Both jobbers and retailers are sticking to the policy of buying as little for future delivery as possible. Retail business is showing a slight falling off but sales are running only 15 to 18 per cent under those of the corresponding period of last year. This is remarkable as no slump had been felt in the trade here at this time in 1921.

The conditions of the clothing manufacturing industry is such that a sudden jump in demand is expected at any time which will give the factories more than they can do to meet it.

## CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The proposed legislation for a soldiers' bonus is having a marked effect on business in this section. Higher taxes are finding no approval in the business world here regardless of how subtly they may be levied. A bond issue is equally out of favor. It is felt here the effect of any bonus measure would be to lower the price of outstanding government issues. High freight rates continue to be a problem which business men declare must be settled before normal conditions can obtain. However, business is struggling toward better things. Although the grade is stiff, the engine of business has

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SNOW BLANKETS  
NEW YORK CITY

Six Inches Fall in Few Hours; 12,000 Shovelers, 150 Tractors, and 400 Trucks Begin Work.

New York, Feb. 15.—Greater New York today experienced its heaviest snowfall of the winter. Six inches had fallen after the storm had been in progress a few hours.

The city marshaled 12,000 shovelers, 150 tractor plows and 400 trucks to clear the streets.

## THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday. Continued cold. Local temperature (10) between 10 and 15 degrees.

Highest temperature yesterday, 35; lowest last night, 10.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

	12 m.	7 p. m.	7 a. m.
Dry bulb tem.	28	33	10
Wet bulb tem.	23	29	9
Rel. humid.	41	43	81
River stage at 7 a. m., 4.4 ft. of 1 last 24 hours.			
Sunset today 7:36 p. m., sunrise tomorrow, 6:58 a. m.			

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

15 ULSTER  
UNIONISTS  
ARE FREED

Collins Secures Release—Belfast Quiet—Troops Leave Dublin.

## BULLETIN.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a period of quiet lasting several hours disorders again broke out in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon when shooting began in the Shankside street area, near the Victoria barracks. The military promptly opened fire.

Dublin, Ireland, Feb. 15.—By Associated Press.—Eleven of the kidnaped Ulster Unionists were released tonight. Seven were released last night and eight this morning. It was announced this evening. Arrangements for the release of 15 of the Ulster Unionists recently kidnaped, it was announced in the house of commons today by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

Mr. Churchill said that at his suggestion Premier Craig of Ulster and Mr. Collins had agreed to the appointment of an impartial commission who would go to the border area, ascertain the facts and keep in close touch with each other in order to allay if possible, the great apprehension existing on both sides of the border at the action being taken on the other side.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—By today Belfast was reported quiet, presence of troops on the streets having had the desired effect of checking the operations of the gunmen.

Conditions on the border, where forces of north and south Ireland are facing each other as the result of the tension created by the recent kidnaping of Ulster Unionists, also was reported quiet. Arrangements for the evacuation of the British troops from Southern Ireland were resumed today after a suspension lasting two days. At Dublin preparations were being made for the embarkation of 400 men.

## Shooting in Early Hours.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Shooting in the early hours of the morning in West Belfast after a temporary lull at midnight.

Shooting also occurred today on the east side of the city, a section that has been relatively immune. Shots were fired into several private houses, and the door of Father O'Brien's house was smashed with bullets.

Two men were reported killed and a number of men and one woman wounded. The total deaths in the present series of outbreaks is now placed at 25.

## "Critical Period."

London, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twenty-four hours of calm on the Ulster frontier, where forces of the north and south are facing each other, have brought some relief in the tension of the Irish situation.

The statement by Lord High Chancellor Birkenhead yesterday, however, that "in the next few weeks we are going through the most grave and critical period probably in living memory," is regarded as not particularly overdrawn.

Michael Collins' assertion that he is in a position to obtain the release of a number of the kidnaped Unionists was received here with relief, but it is evident that the feeling in Ulster will not moderate until all the captives are freed.

## De Valera Silent.

The report current in Belfast yesterday that 42 of the captive Unionists had applied to the Ulster government for release of the Gaelic football players held in the Derry jail is unconfirmed and has been denied by Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Spender, secretary to the Ulster cabinet.

Eamon de Valera has maintained silence concerning Mr. Collins' charges of a republican plot against the provisional government, and Mr. Collins has added nothing to this original statement.

MEXICANS KILL  
YANK RANCHER

Washington, Feb. 15.—Charles Burrows, known as Charles Miller, American manager of a ranch near the city of Monterey, Mexico, was shot to death by unidentified persons on Feb. 1. The state department was advised today in a dispatch from American Consul Bowman at Monterey. The department has instructed Consul Bowman and the embassy at Mexico City to request the proper Mexican authorities to apprehend and punish the persons responsible for the crime.

Mothers, Here's Way to Get  
'Skinny' Out of Bed: Have  
Him Enter Boy Scout Contest

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Thousands of boy scouts began doing household work and drudgery in the West suburban district of Chicago today, as part of a contest, taking over those duties which fathers and mothers usually dislike most. It was the before Christmas spirit, planned for endurance, to extend over four weeks, that prompted the contest.

Each scout gave his mother a chart about a foot long containing a list of daily duties and the mothers were the arbiters of the number of points scored, marking them daily on the chart. The winning patrol at the end of the contest receives a hike to the Dunes of Indiana.

The duties and the points for each are:

- Get up first time called, 5.
- Clear table (per meal), 1.
- Clean floor, 3.
- Clean walk, 3.
- Carry out ashes (per day), 3.
- Bring up coal or tend furnace, 4.
- Feed chickens, 2.
- Get a meal complete, 5.
- Wash and comb for meal, 2.
- Clean up basement (inflammable rubbish), 1.
- Make bed as in camp, 3.
- Keep own room neat and tidy, 3.
- Kind, careful, obedient (per day), 1.

INTERNATIONAL  
JUSTICE COURT  
OPENS IN HAGUE

Begins 'New Era of Peace and Concord', Says Curzon.

The Hague, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace palace, which cynics during the war labeled "closed owing to bankruptcy," was the scene today of the inaugural session of the permanent court of international justice, the cornerstone of the League of Nations. The event was hailed by adherents of pacifist ideals as a new milestone in the evolutionary progress of the world toward peace, or, in the words of Lord Curzon, "the beginning of a new era of peace and concord among nations."

Members of the court represent 12 nationalities, and, eastern and western worlds.

## Moore Represents U. S.

The representative of the United States is John Bassett Moore. Congratulatory telegrams were flowing in today. Among them was one from Foreign Minister Uchida of Japan.

"This surely is a great step towards the realization of the ideal of universal peace, and Japan, which yields to none in its love for peace and justice, rejoices profoundly. Therefore I have the honor to express in the name of the imperial government my sincere wishes for the development of the new institution."

GREAT WESTERN  
ROAD CUTS FARE

Reduces Passenger Rate \$1.50 Between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Regular passenger fare between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Chicago and Omaha, will be reduced \$1.50 by the Chicago Great Western railway, according to an announcement by officials made public today. The new rates will be effective as soon as tariffs can be prepared.

Notice was served on the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Soo Line, Rock Island Lines, Illinois Central and Burlington Route Lines, that the reduction would be made and these roads refused to agree to the plan, on the plea that the road was not in a position to compete with the others named on an equal fare basis.

NEW OFFER FOR  
MUSCLE SHOALS

Alabama Power Company Files Proposal With Secretary Weeks; To Go To Congress.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Another offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was completed today and arrangements made by its sponsors, the Alabama Power company, for immediate filing with Secretary Weeks.

The offer was made by Thomas Martin, acting for the Alabama Power company, of which he is president, and with the submission the total number of proposals received by the government for its war-acquired properties in Alabama was brought to four. The new offer is expected to be submitted soon by Secretary Weeks to congress.

## The offer of Henry Ford is now before the body.

NEWSBOYS STRIKE  
IN DES MOINES, IA.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 15.—Newsboys of the Des Moines Capital went on strike today. They demanded that the publisher increase the price of the paper from one to two cents so that their profits will be greater.

JUDGE RESIGNS  
UNDER FIRE IN  
OKLAHOMA ROW

Christopher's Action Leaves Superior Court Tied Up.

Okmulgee, Okla., Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The superior courts in this city and at Henrietta, Okmulgee county, are at a standstill today because of no one to preside on the bench, due to the absence of Superior Court Judge H. B. Christopher, who has not been in Okmulgee since his summary dismissal of the county grand jury last Thursday in the midst of its investigation of the affairs of the defunct Bank of Commerce of Okmulgee.

E. J. Dick, chairman of a citizens' committee, which condemns the judge's action in dissolving the county grand jury and demanded that he resign, will leave for Oklahoma City this evening to present the judge's resignation, received here by Mr. Dick and addressed to the governor of Oklahoma, to Lieutenant-Governor M. E. Trapp, acting executive in the absence of Governor J. B. A. Robertson, who is in Mexico on a trade tour.

## Is in Hiding.

Judge Christopher, although his whereabouts are unknown, is "all right," according to word received by the Associated Press from A. Thompson, at whose farm house two miles out of Coyle, Okla., the jurist sought a haven from public criticism from last Thursday up to Monday afternoon.

A new grand jury has been called to report in the district court of Judge Mark L. Bozarth, Feb. 27.

County Attorney James Hepburn, who was foremost in criticism of Judge Christopher's action in dissolving the grand jury, has announced that all the old evidence concerning the defunct bank of commerce will be presented to the new grand jury, with probably some additional information. In his statements before the Bar Association committee and in interviews, the county attorney declared that several state officials were to have been named in indictments which Judge Christopher's grand jury was preparing to return, prior to its dismissal.

SERVICE MEN  
OPPOSE BONUS

Put Ad in St. Louis Paper Asking Public and Congress to Fight It; Legion Condemns Action.

St. Louis, Feb. 15.—In an advertisement appearing in today's papers over the names of ex-service men, an appeal is made to the public and congress to oppose the proposed soldier bonus legislation. Many of those whose names appear in the advertisements, are members of local posts of the American Legion.

"We, the undersigned," the advertisement reads, "ex-service men, members and non-members of the American Legion, regard the soldier bonus as contrary to the ideals which prompted our military service and economically unsound. We believe the wounded and disabled ex-service men should be immediately and adequately provided for by the government."

A local American Legion post has adopted a resolution in protest against the advertisement, which according to the resolution, did not express the views of ex-service men in general.

FIND 3 DEAD IN  
AUTO IN CREEK

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The bodies of two men and a woman were found in a closed automobile half submerged in Brush creek in the south part of this city today. The car had apparently fallen with its occupants from a trestle and broken through the ice of the creek. The bodies were frozen in the ice which had formed inside the car.

ILLINOIS IS  
FINE FIELD  
FOR FAKERS

Bischoff Case Reveals Chicago Is Stock Swindlers' Mecca.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Prompted by the lurid revelations of the operations of the "Ponzi ring" in Chicago, United States Attorney General Daugherty at Washington last night gave out a statement urging the inauguration of a nation-wide campaign for the enactment of more stringent laws providing heavier sentences for fake stock swindlers who in the last year or two have siphoned \$140,000,000 from the public's purse.

Attorney General Daugherty revealed the northern district of Illinois (Chicago) as the most fertile field in the country for the sale of fake stock of all kinds.

## Swamped With Cases.

"The federal government is swamped with these cases," he said. "At present there are 480 stock swindling cases pending in the federal courts, in which 874 persons have been arrested or indicted and in which more than \$140,000,000 has been taken from the public."

"The largest number of cases pending in any one state is forty-two in the northern district of Illinois. It would take one judge, working 12 hours a day, a million years to clear up the docket."

"The department of justice can only come into these cases through violation of the postal laws, and it is my opinion that the matter is one for prompt and sweeping state action. There should be a national conference of state blue sky commissioners to frame a uniform law carrying heavier penalties for stock swindlers."

**Search for Harrington.**

In the meanwhile the outstanding developments in the drive against the "Ponzi ring" here were:

The "blue sky" squad from the detective bureau again raided the offices of Leslie Harrington at 20 East Jackson boulevard and swept it bare of records, books, and papers. Two hundred and fifty thousand shares of stock in the United States Novaculite company and \$300 worth of government stamps were seized.

Search for Harrington himself turned to Philadelphia, whither he is believed to have fled.

While Judge Joseph B. David was refusing to issue writs of habeas corpus for the three Harrington agents already under arrest, J. Yuskens, 1842 West 26th street, a fourth Harrington field agent, was locked up at the detective bureau.

## Landis Names Receiver.

Judge Landis appointed the Central Trust company receiver for the Western Land Operators' company, 127 North Dearborn street, said to be one of Harrington's enterprises, and in connection with which two men already are in custody.

State's Attorney Crowe assigned Assistant State's Attorney Edward Taylor to investigate both the Harrington and Bischoff cases for violation of the blue sky law, and witnesses will be taken before the grand jury today.

Warrants charging confidence game were issued by Judge Prindiville in the South Clark street court against Raymond J. Bischoff, the "stockyards wizard," Earl G. Geer.

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## CHICAGO "PONZI"



Raymond J. Bischoff, 25, a federal investigation at Chicago disclosed, has only \$1,000 in assets to meet \$4,500,000 liabilities. Without any business experience Bischoff, 27 months ago, opened a brokerage business, investing the savings of stockyards employees to whom he gave his personal note. Bischoff says his operations were legal and that he could have recouped his losses, had his operations not been interrupted by a receivership.

David  
Lawrence  
Says:

Harding Shows Rare Courage in Turning Down Lodge on Leviathan Contract and in Ignoring Demand of Party Associates for Bonus Issue or Taxes for Bonus; Both Decisions Milestones in Career; Sound Finance Triumphs Over Party Politics.

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Harding has just made two brave decisions which, irrespective of anything else that may happen to his political fortunes, stand out as milestones in his career.

To turn down his personal friend and political associate, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, on a matter that meant much to the chances of Mr. Lodge for re-election this fall was to do something which few presidents have had the courage to do. To turn down the almost unanimous demand of his party associates in congress for either a bond issue or a series of direct taxes to raise money for a soldier bonus was also no simple matter.

Both decisions have been based upon what Mr. Harding himself admits were the inexorable laws of business and sound finance as against the will of politics and special favor.

## Lodge Embarrassed.

Briefly, Senator Lodge was put in an embarrassing position by some voters in his constituency who saw no reason why the Boston navy yard with 2,500 workers, should not get the benefit of the work to be done in reconditioning the former German liner Leviathan. Mr. Lodge was accused of introducing an amendment to a pending bill which would have compelled the United States shipping board to let the contracts to navy yards and disregard the bids already made for the work by private firms. The senate adopted the amendment but President Harding listened to the objections of Chairman Lasker of the shipping board who declared that several firms had already spent many thousands of dollars in making surveys to determine how much to bid and that sound business principles dictated the necessity of giving the work to the lowest bidder.

## President Backs Lasker.

Mr. Harding was similarly advised by Secretary Denby of the navy department. It was hard, however, to say to Mr. Lodge that the amendment adopted by the senate must be ignored. It is true, the amendment wasn't law, and isn't law yet. But a word from the president would have caused the navy department to decline to Senator Lodge. The president has the utmost confidence in Chairman Lasker and he showed it in a signal way by following the latter's recommendation against the pleadings of a politician's friend. Today, therefore, the shipping board awarded the contract to the Newport News Shipbuilding company, and as far as politics is concerned a Democratic constituency in Virginia will get the benefit of the work and there will be no political advantages to the administration except insofar

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RICKENBACKER  
RIDES AIR MAIL

Famous Ace Is "Cargo" From Omaha in Effort to Reach Frisco By Thursday Night.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15.—Eddie Rickenbacker, American flying ace in the World war, left here this morning as "cargo" in an air mail plane in an effort to reach San Francisco in time to deliver an address there tomorrow night.

Jack Knight of the air mail service, who gained prominence about a year ago by making a night flight from Omaha to Chicago over a route with which he was not familiar, was Rickenbacker's pilot, and intended to take him as far as Cheyenne, Wyo.

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C., M. & ST. P.  
GETS GARY R. R.

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Authority to Acquire C. M. & G. Line.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to acquire control of the stocks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary railroad.

The Gary road constitutes a belt line around the city of Chicago, the commission said, and will add to the efficiency of the operations of the St. Paul system. It will be paid for by the St. Paul by the process of endorsing \$3,000,000 in its 40 year 5 per cent gold bonds and which will be delivered to the St. Louis Union Trust company, the present owners of the Gary road.

YEGGS TAKE SAFE  
FROM CHURCH AND  
GET—SERMONS!

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Thieves stole an automobile in Evanston, drove it to the First Presbyterian church, broke into the church, carried out the large safe, placed it in the car and drove rapidly away. Evanston police found the safe yesterday in a field several miles away with the door forced open. But the contents were untouched. They comprised an eight years' collection of sermons and other writings.

MAY BRING  
NEW TAYLOR  
DEATH CLUE

Men Taken in Pistol Battle—Mabel's Chauffeur Quizzed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—Eight men, alleged to have conspired to extort large sums of money from wealthy Los Angeles business men, were arrested here late last night after a revolver fight with police officers, deputy sheriffs and private investigators, according to a story the Los Angeles Times published today.

A ninth man, believed to have been seriously wounded by a bullet fired in the car, was escaped, but his arrest is expected, the officers said, as directed in the letter demanding \$25,000.

A business man who received a letter demanding money notified the authorities a "plant" was arranged and placed back of a sign board on a corner opposite service station, as directed in the letter demanding \$25,000.

Federal agents and the night force of the sheriff's office were on guard.

## One Man Wounded.

Three deputies were on the roof of the house, where the officers later declared, the men arrested had their headquarters. Other officers were on the roofs of nearby houses and in places of vantage between them.

When a man approached the hiding place of the marked money, officers opened fire with sawed-off shotguns and revolvers.

The man cried, out, fell and wriggled away in the darkness. Officers sprang to the sign board. The "plant" was gone. Bloodstains were found and trailed to the house where the arrests were made.

The officers rushed the door of the house and half a dozen pistol shots were fired at them through the door and windows but the inmates were soon overpowered. They had the money from the "plant," according to the officers, but the wounded man could not be found.

One federal agent said it was possible the arrests might lead by a clue to the killing of William Desmond Taylor, film director.

## Clue Search Continues.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 15.—The search for clues to the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, film director, went on today with a request of William Davis, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, screen actress, scheduled for this morning.

Sheriff's deputies who cling to the belief that Edward J. Siskel, a former secretary-butter for Taylor, "had nothing to do with the case," were understood to have obtained some information which made it desirable to have Davis quizzed again by the district attorney. It was understood that the additional information did not need to involve Davis.

The chauffeur had previously corroborated the statement of Miss Normand, who was one of the last to see Taylor alive, that the director accompanied her to his apartment shortly before he was slain.

## Sennett Questioned.

Mac Sennett, film producer and manager for Miss Normand, has been questioned by a representative of the district attorney in hopes that he might be able to give some important information that would lead to clues but without any material results.

Sennett said he would be glad to aid the authorities in every way. Rewards totaling \$4,000 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer.

Officials connected with the investigation had made no comment early today on the opinion of a federal agent that the arrest here last night of eight men alleged to have extorted money from wealthy business men under threats of death might lead to a solution of the murder mystery.

## PROBE EXTORTION CHARGES.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Director Forbes of the veterans bureau announced that investigation is being made into charges of extortion practiced on negro former service men at the Tennessee agricultural and industrial institution.